(a) whether the Government are aware that the Rishikesh unit of Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited has been running in losses;

(b) if ;so, the reasons thereof and the extent of loss incurred so far since its inception;

(c) the reasons for granting production licence to private companies instead of exploiting the capacity of the plant itself;

(d) whether the unit is also suffering due to financial misappropriation in the purchase of raw material and machines and delayed sale of products from the depot; if so, whether nay enquiry committee is proposed to be set up to bring the culprits to book; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The accumulated losses of Indian Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Ltd., Hrishikesh Unit, as on 31.3.91 is estimated at Rs.183.47 crores (provisional). The major reasons for losses incurred in this unit of IDPL are low capacity utilisation; high wage component; heavy interest burden, frequent power breakdowns, non-availability of raw materials and the constraints of the working capital.

(c) Licences to other companies for manufacturers of various pharmaceuticals and drug items, have been issued by the Government in accordance with the policy in-vogue from time to time.

(d) There is no report about irregularities in the purchase of raw materials and machines. In order to ensure adequate lifting of indigenous material, users of Penicillin G First Crystals are now required to lift first the indigenous Penicilin G to become eligible for imported material in the ratio of 50:50.

(e) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

CBI Raids on Government Officials

5635. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Government Officials whose premises were raided by the Central Bureau of Investigation during each of the last two years;

(b) the names of the places where such raids were conducted;

(c) the value of the illegal assets recovered from them; and

(d) the number of officers convicted and acquitted separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) The information as under:

year	*No. of officials involved*
1989	226
1990	181

(b) The countrywide raids were carried out by CBI on residential/official premises of concerned officials at 96 places in 1989 & 77 places in 1990.

(c) During the raids, the following movable/immovable assets were discovered:

Movable	:	432.32 lakhs
Immovable	:	351.48 lakhs

(d)(i) No. of officials convicted : 1

(ii) No. of officials acquitted : Nil

Increase in Price of Sugar

5636. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA: Will the MINISTER OF FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a continuous increase in the price of sugar in recent past;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have issued directions to the State Governments to control the prices of sugar;

(d) whether State Governments have followed those directions; and

(e) if so, the action taken so far to check black marketing of sugar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b). Sugar prices in the open market during the current 1990-91 season (i.e. from 1st October, 1990 onwards) remained fairly stable upto April, 1991 and thereafter have shown an increasing trend. This trend could be attributed to the increase in demand during summer months, marriage season, transport difficulties during General Elections etc.

(c) to (e). The releases of free-sale sugar in the open market have been stepped up from June, 1991 onwards. The levy sugar allotments to the Statewise have also been augmented by allowing an adhoc increase of 5% in their monthly quotas for the months August to December, 1991. In addition, festival quota of levy sugar is being released for the ensuing festival season. With these measures, it is expected that the price of sugar would remain in check.

CBI Cases against Government Officials

5637. SHRI JANARDAN MISRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Bureau of Investigation has registered cases of corruption and irregularities against Government officials during last six months;

(b) if so, the number of gazetted officers out of them and the details of the cases registered against them; and

(c) the action taken against the officials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 348 Government officials, of which 149 are of gazetted status are involved in 103 cases registered by CBI from Feb. 1991 to July 1991, on the allegations of possession of assets disproportionate to their known sources of income, showing undue official favours and criminal mis-conduct etc.

(c) Regular cases have been registered against the officials concerned.

[*English*]

Corruptions cases against Government Officers

5638. SHRI S.B. SIDNAL:Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Bureau of Investigation has booked 58 Government officers for corruption charges during the month of June, 1991; and